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NEW DIRECTOR OF HEALTH FOR KDHE



Howard Rodenberg, M.D., M.P.H., of Daytona Beach, FL. has accepted the position of KDHE Division of Health Director and will begin work with the agency Feb. 27.

Dr. Rodenberg's experience in public health and emergency medical services, as well as his demonstrated com-

mitment to health issues will be invaluable to the agency. KDHE is extremely pleased with his decision to return to the Midwest to lead the Division of Health, and will greatly benefit from his experiences abroad as well as his extensive background in medicine.

Rodenberg has been serving as the director of the Volusia County Health Department in Daytona Beach since Oct. 2003. In addition to providing health leadership for Volusia County, Rodenberg continues to work as an emergency physician at Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach. He earned his undergraduate degree in Biology from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, his medical degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine, and his Master of Public Health degree from the University of South Florida, Tampa.

Rodenberg has also worked in emergency medicine services as EMS Medical Director for Volusia County and as Medical Director for EMS Programs at Central Florida Community College. He served as a consultant for Emergency Health Services with Medical Rescue International, Inc. in Johannesburg, South Africa and as a field physician during the Rwandan refugee crisis in Zaire, as well as following Hurricane Andrew in Florida. In addition, Roden-

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berg served as a NASA certified flight surgeon and NASA University of Florida Kennedy Space Center Launch and Landing Support Medical Team Coordinator for several years.

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

April 4 - 10, 2005



EMPOWERING AMERICANS TO LIVE STRONGER, LONGER



IMPROVEMENT IN DENTAL HYGIENE PRACTICE ACT



Registered dental hygienists may now qualify under conditions set forth by House Bill 2161 (2003) to perform their services in extended care settings such as health centers, adult care homes, hospital long-term care units, state institutions, local

health departments or indigent health care clinics on a resident of a facility, clinic or a patient. In addition, the Extended Practice Act permits the practice of dental hygiene in a public school, accredited non-public school, or Head Start. In these settings, registered dental hygienists may now provide dental hygiene services under general supervision of a sponsoring dentist. Those services include those that are a part of the hygienists' scope of practice: educational, preventive, and therapeutic procedures.

According to Kansas House Bill 2161 (2003), a hygienist must seek and receive an extended care permit, verify performance of 1,800 hours of dental hygiene care, complete six hours of training related to extended practice, show proof of professional liability insurance, and be sponsored by a dentist licensed in Kansas. The sponsoring dentist signs an agreement to monitor the hygienist's activities and written records in the extended practice setting, but is not required to be on the premises at the time a hygienist performs the services.

A variety of public health and community organizations now have the opportunity to establish or expand a dental office, staffed by a registered dental hygienist, to provide dental cleanings, patient education, and preventive care. Oral Health Kansas, supported by a grant from United Methodist Health Ministry Fund, is implementing an initiative to promote opportunities for extended hygiene practices. The goal is to create resources and tools to clarify and simplify the process, offer technical assistance to hygienists and organizations, and conduct workshops. For more information, please

contact Marcia Manter, Oral Health Project Coordinator: MManter@aol.com.



Dick Morrissey, Interim Director of Health, enjoys breakfast buffet prepared by the staff of Office of and Local Rural Health in honor of 30 years service to KDHE.

REGIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH MEETINGS

Central Region: Meetings are held at the Reno County Health Department from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

March 23

May 25

July 27

Sept. 28

Nov. 30

North Central Region: Meetings are from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Feb. 22

April 26

June 28

Aug. 23

Oct. 25

Dec. 6

Northeast Region: Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference Room, 4th Floor, Topeka, from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110 if you have any questions.

March 10

June 9

Sept. 8

Dec. 8

Northwest Region: Meetings are held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the NW Educational Service Center in Oakley. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

Feb. 10

April 14

June 9

Aug. 11

Oct. 13

Dec. 8

Southeast Region: Meetings are held from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Southeast District Office, 1500 West 7th, Meadowlark Room, Chanute. Please contact Jon Anderson at 620-431-2390 if you have any questions.

Feb. 3

May 12

Aug. 4

Nov. 10

Southwest Region: Meetings are held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in Garden City, location to be announced. Please contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639 if you have any questions. Dates are:

March 18

May 20

July 15

Sept. 16

Nov. 18

PERSONNEL UPDATES

Lorraine Baughman, RN - Administrator of Rooks County Health Department, Stockton, was nominated for the 2004 Rooks County Citizen of the Year Award. All nominees received a crystal award which had "Outstanding Citizen 2004, Rooks County," engraved on it. Congratulations, Lorraine!!



Jana Rhea Cartwright – New Trauma Plan Specialist for the Kansas Trauma Team with Kansas Foundation for Medical Care. Jana Rhea has worked for Starkey, Inc. of Wichita for the last three

years. Prior to Starkey she was the Social Service Director for Presbyterian Manor of Wichita and for Greeley County Hospital, LTC and Home Health. Jana Rhea will be helping to facilitate the Trauma Plan for the six regions of Kansas.

Cheryl Patterson, RN - is the new administrator of Morris County Health Department, Council Grove. Cheryl worked as a psych nurse at Menningers in Topeka for over 17 years and at North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging before coming to the health department. Cheryl has two grown daughters.



NEWS BRIEFS



New Laser Tool Added to Arsenal of Oral Health Prevention

Tooth decay is the most common chronic illness affecting children – five times more common than asthma. Without early detection and prevention, poor

oral health can have a significant impact on children's overall health, growth, development and learning.

Now a new prevention-screening device coupled with training from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) will help in reducing the 51 million lost school hours annually in this country due to dental-related illnesses.

The DIAGNOdent, a non-invasive fluorescent laser dental screening device, is becoming an integral tool in the fight to screen for cavities and decay in children's teeth across Kansas. It is also aiding in the collection of data to help determine the oral health status of the student population in Kansas.

More than 80 nurses participated in an Oct. 22 videoconference training exercise lead by KDHE's Oral Health Consultant, Dawn McGlasson, support from Chris Tuck, Child Health Consultant, and Jane Stueve, Adolescent Health Consultant. "Oral Health Screenings in the Pediatric Populations" was designed to give nurses oral health information and training on the DIAGNOdent. KDHE's Office of Local & Rural Health Nurse Specialists, Shirley Orr, Anita Hodge, Jon Anderson, and Debbie Whitmer also assisted at remote sites to facilitate the training.

Fifty-six Kansas school nurses and 43 local public health department nurses are participating in the second year of a \$200,000 oral health-screening grant funded through United Methodist Health Ministries. The project involves registered nurses utilizing the DIAGNOdent to screen for cavities and decay in children's teeth. School nurses are screening third and sixth graders, and health department nurses are screening children ages 5 to 21 years, during their well-child/ Kan Be Healthy exams.

In the first year of this innovative oral screening project involving training of Kansas' school nurses, originally 25 school nurses received training with the DIAGNOdent to screen approximately 2,000 students for dental caries within their school districts. Children were referred as needed to local

dentists and the nurses acted as case managers to assure follow-up treatment.

The school nurses have identified oral health as such an important factor impacting total health, behavior, and learning that they wanted to be proactive in finding a solution to dental disease problems relating to school issues. As a result, important initial linkages and partnerships have been forged between school nurses and the local dental communities.

Approximately 6,000 children are expected to be documented in the 2004 database of children age 5 to 21 who will receive an oral health screening. The effectiveness of the DIAGNOdent as an oral screening device by the registered professional nurses will also be evaluated in the grant.

The videoconference training was offered in Pittsburg, Wichita, Topeka, Hays, Salina, and Garden City. Participants learned the relationship between oral health and general health; that dental caries is an infectious and transmissible disease; how to develop strategies to increase linkages with local dental/dental hygiene professionals within their communities; as well as learning how to use the DIAGNOdent.

Intimate Partner Violence



Nearly 5.3 million intimate partner victimizations occur each year among U.S. women ages 18 and older. This violence results in nearly

2 million injuries and nearly 1,300 deaths. Intimate partner violence occurs across all populations, irrespective of social, economic, religious, or cultural group. However, young women and those below the poverty line are disproportionately affected. Nearly 25 percent of women have been raped and/or physically assaulted by an intimate partner at some point in their lives, and more than 40 per-

cent of the women who experience partner rapes and physical assaults sustain a physical injury. Forty-four percent of women murdered by their intimate partner had visited an emergency department within two years of the homicide, 93 percent of whom had at least one in-For more jury visit. information on intimate partner violence go to



http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/factsheets/ipvfacts.htm.

Birth Defects Prevention Month



January is National Birth Defects Prevention Month and January 24-30 is National Folic Acid Awareness Week. Birth defects affect approximately 120,000 (one in 33) newborns in the United States each year; they are the leading cause of infant mortality and contribute substantially to illness and long-term disability. Many birth defects are preventable, find out what can be done to have a healthy pregnancy and a healthy baby. For further information go to

http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/bd/abc.htm.

JOB OFFERINGS

Adult & Child Care Facility Surveyor

Johnson County Public Health is seeking a full-time Adult & Child Care Facility Surveyor. The surveyor will promote quality care in all Adult Care Facilities in the county through education, consultation and assessment of those facilities to determine their compliance with Kansas State regulations, standards and laws. The surveyor will also complete onsite visits for licensure, re-licensure, and compliant visits to all types of child care facilities. Individual and group education will be offered to various programs. Position requires a BSN in Nursing, must be a registered nurse licensed in KS, with two to three years of pediatric and geriatric experience.

Apply on-line at http://hr.jocogov.org: fax (913) 715-1419; or mail to: Johnson County Human Resources at 111 S. Cherry, Suite 2600, Olathe, KS 66061.



Seeking Health Department Administrator



Dickinson County is seeking an Administrator for the Health Department. Job requires: supervision of department personnel, preparation of budget, and writing and administration of grants. This position also includes supervision in the following programs in Dickinson County: WIC, Maternal Child Health, Childcare Licensing, Immunizations, and Sanitarian. The candidate will also have the responsibility of County Health Officer. A BSN degree is preferred and a RN license is required. Accounting/computer experience is helpful. Salary negotiable. Please send resume to: Sandy Emig, Dickinson County Clerk, 109 East First Street, P.O. Box 248, Abilene, Kansas 67410.

CONFERENCES

Sailing the C's of Public Health

Kansas PH Nursing & MCH Annual Conference May 3-5 Wichita Airport Hilton



We are making the final plans for the keynote speakers and breakout sessions for

this exciting conference. You won't want to miss it! The schedule will be posted soon on the KDHE web site. A PHIX and KRHIS message will go out when the schedule is posted. We hope to see you there!

Reversing the Tide: Promoting Policies and Programs to Advance the Nation's Health



NACCHO-ASTHO 2005 Joint Conference, July 12 – 15, The Boston Copley Place,

Boston, Massachusetts. For more information, contact; NACCHO-ASTHO 2005 Joint Conference Staff, Telephone: (202) 371-9090, Fax: (202) 371-9797, E-mail: jointmeeting@astho.org. Visit the Website at

http://www.astho.org/?template=annual meeting.h tml&PHPSESSID=6fba268ea87391597f64420c0e00 9cce.

Kansas Conference on Social Welfare

Paula Jasso, president of the 2005 Kansas Conference on Social Welfare, would like to invite you to attend this year's conference - "Focus on Families-Building Healthy Relationships." The conference will be partnering with the Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP), administered by the Department on Aging, to provide a wider selection of presenters and topics. Approval to provide 12 CEUs for nurses from the Kansas State Board of Nursing, and the same for Social Workers from the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board is in process. Early bird registration is \$70 and students are only \$35.

Tracks will include Healthy Marriage/Relations and Grandparents as Parents. Other topics will be Fatherhood, Childhood Obesity, Poverty Simulation, Ethics and more. Please mark your calendar to attend April 3-5. The conference will be held at the Olathe Holiday Inn located at 101 W. 151st in Olathe, KS. Room rates are reasonable at \$65.00 for one to four people in a room.

We hope you will join us this year. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Paula Jasso at plzxj@srskansas.org or Candace Eck, registration secretary, at cve@srskansas.org.

GRANTS

NACCHO's Online Foundation Funding Guide



To view the NACCHO online Foundation Funding Guide go to www.naccho.org and click on the link to the Foundation Funding Guide from the home page, or go directly to

http://www.naccho.org/general927.cfm. For more information, contact Navita Persaud at (202) 783-5550, ext. 251, or e-mail npersaud@naccho.org.



TRAININGS

Medical Interpreter and Cultural Competency Training



Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Office of Local and Rural Health (OLRH), is proud to announce its fourth year of sponsoring medical interpreter training and its second year for

cultural competency training. KDHE and OLRH, will sponsor three medical interpreter and four cultural competency training sessions in 2005. KDHE has contracted with Jewish Vocational Service of Kansas City, MO to present each training session. The training sessions are listed below:



Medical Interpreter Training Schedule

Medical interpreter training is 40 hours of intensive, interactive learning for bilingual participants. The

projected outcomes are to train qualified bilingual individuals in medical/social service interpreting and to provide educational training to medical and social service providers on their legal obligations to provide language assistance to limited or non-English speaking clients.

Northeast Kansas

Kansas Department of Health & Environment Curtis Building 1000 SW Jackson, Topeka Flint Hills & Azure Conference Rooms Feb. 10-11 & Feb. 16-18, 2005, from 8:00 a.m.-5:00p.m.

Southwest Kansas

1710 Palace Drive, Garden City Area SRS Building April 18 - 22, 2005 from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

South Central Kansas

University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita 1010 N. Kansas, Wichita Sunflower Room 2202 June 6–10 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

For more information/or registration please contact Cathy Anderson at Jewish Vocational Service (JVS), 1608 Baltimore, Kansas City, MO 64108 or call 816-471-2808 ext. 142, or e-mail Cathy at canders@jvskc.org. You may also contact Brandi Miller at bmiller@jvskc.org.

Cultural Competency Training Schedule

Cultural competency training will provide participants an opportunity to learn how to effectively communicate with limited English-proficient clients, collaborate with families and coordinate services. The topics covered will include: Dimensions of Diversity, Working Effectively with



Interpreters, and Building Culturally Competent Community Partnerships. Participants do not have to be bilingual to take this 16-hour training.

Wichita - Feb. 22-23 from 8:00a.m.-5:00 p.m. University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita 1010 N. Kansas, Sunflower Room, Wichita

Hays - March 21-22 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Fort Hays State University 600 Park Street, Fort Hays Memorial Union, College Drive, Trails Room ** (No food or drink can be brought in from the outside. All food or drink consumed in the classroom must be purchased from the Student Union vendor.)

Salina - March 23-24 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Catholic Charities 425 W. Iron, Salina Board Room

Dodge City - April 14-15 from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Western Plains Medical Complex 108 Ross Blvd., Dodge City

Classroom located at the Annex Building (across from the hospital)

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PUBLIC HEALTH INFO

Public Health Emergency Legal Preparedness Checklist: Civil Legal Liability and Public Health Emergencies. The Center for Law & the Public's Health at Georgetown & Johns Hopkins Universities. Dec. 2004.

 $\frac{http://www.publichealthlaw.net/Resources/Resourc}{esPDFs/Checklist\%203.pdf}$

Public Health Emergency Legal Preparedness Checklist: **Inter-jurisdictional Legal Coordination for Public Health Emergency Preparedness.** The Center for Law & the Public's Health at Georgetown & Johns Hopkins Universities. Dec. 2004.

http://www.publichealthlaw.net/Resources/Resources/DFs/Checklist%201.pdf

Public Health Emergency Legal Preparedness Checklist: Local Government Public Health Emergency Legal Preparedness and Response. The Center for Law & the Public's Health at Georgetown & Johns Hopkins Universities. Dec. 2004

http://www.publichealthlaw.net/Resources/Resources/DFs/Checklist%202.pdf

The CDC Public Health Law Program hosts a comprehensive Website filled with public health law information—both current and historic. Key historic court cases that define public health practice today are posted or linked. The program also publishes an excellent weekly online newsletter filled with news items related to current public health events. www.phppo.cdc.gov/od/phlp/

Managing Spontaneous Volunteers in Times of Disaster: The Synergy of Structure and Good Intentions - Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)

http://www.nvoad.org/ManagingSpontaneousVol.pd f

Emergency Preparedness, Response & Recovery Checklist: Beyond the Emergency Management Plan. The American Health Lawyers Assoc.,

http://www.healthlawyers.org/docs/pi EmergencyPreparedness.pdf

WORKSHOPS



Billing Workshops

NE Billing Group

Thursday, Feb. 3 Thursday, May 5 Thursday, Aug. 4 Thursday, Nov. 3

Meetings are held at the Curtis State Office Building,

1000 SW Jackson, Azure Conference Room, 4th Floor, Topeka, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. For further information contact Anita Hodge at 785-368-8110.

NW Billing Group, Feb. 8 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, at the First State Bank Basement, 101 E Cherry, Hill City. For further information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

SC Billing Group, Feb. 23 from 9:00 am – noon, Reno County Health Department, Hutchinson. For further information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

SW Billing Group, Feb. 11 from 9:00 am – noon, Satanta Bank, Satanta. For further information contact Debbie Whitmer at 785-827-9639.

GENERAL WORKSHOPS

Continuing Education of interest to Public Health Workforce is listed by the Kansas State Board of Nursing at:

http://www.ksbn.org/cne/cnemain.htm .

Public Health Training Network Satellite Downlinks/Webcasts



To view a complete list of satellite downlinks and Webcasts go to PHTN Web site at

http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp Call Linda Frazier, Distance Learning Coordinator at (785) 625-5663 if you need assistance.

Feb. and March's Downlinks or Webcasts

02/03/05 8:00 - 9:00 AM CT Rebroadcast 3:00 - 4:00 PM CT

School of Public Health - University at Albany

State University of New York Center for Public Health Preparedness

Grand Round Series: Redefining Readiness:

Terrorism Planning Through the Eyes of the Public

For additional information please e-mail: cphp@uamail.albany.edu or phone (518) 486-7921.

View flyer.

The Role of Public Health in a **Nuclear or Radiological Terrorist** 02/03/05 Incident 12:00 - 1:00 PM CT View course overview. VIEW WEBCAST 02/17/05 Third Thursday Breakfast Broadcast 8:00 AM -An Integrated Approach to 9:00 AM CT Chronic Disease Prevention: the Steps to a Healthier NY Model For more information and registration, contact Cheryl Reeves at 518-402-0335, email creeves@albany.edu, or visit http://www.albany.edu/sph/coned/t2 b2.html 02/17/05 **Epidemiology and Prevention of** Vaccine Preventable Diseases 11:00 AM -2:30 PM CT Part 1 of 4 View course overview. VIEW WEBCAST 02/18/05 South Central Public Health Training 12:00 NOON Center presents - 1:30 PM CT **Public Health Core Functions** For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit http://www.adph.org/alphtn. South Central Public Health Training 02/22/05 Center presents 12:00 NOON-1:30 PM CT Obesity For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit http://www.adph.org/alphtn. **Epidemiology and Prevention of** 02/24/05 Vaccine Preventable Diseases 11:00 AM -2:30 PM AM Part 2 of 4 View course overview. VIEW WEBCAST

March 2005 ... 03/02/05 Postponing Sexual Involvement: Abstinence Counseling and Educa-2:00 PM -4:00 PM tion CT (Public Health Staff Development) For more information, contact Video Communications at the Alabama Department of Public Health at (334) 206-5618 or visit http://www.adph.org/alphtn. 03/03/05 Epidemiology and Prevention of 11:00 AM - Vaccine Preventable Diseases Part 2:30 PM 3 of 4 CT View course overview. VIEW WEBCAST 03/10/05 Epidemiology and Prevention of 11:00 AM - Vaccine Preventable Diseases Part 4 of 4 2:30 PM AΜ View course overview. VIEW WEBCAST

AREA HEALTH EDUCATION CENTERS



Look for AHEC's web page at http://kuahec.kumc.edu or trainings at http://www.kdhe.state.ks.us under the "Additional PH Training Calendar"

NW Kansas – Register or call at 785-628-6128 **SW Kansas** – Register or call at 620-275-0259 **SE Kansas** – Register or call at 620-235-4040

To Order Tapes/CD's: Public Health Foundation Online Bookstore:

http://bookstore.phf.org/cat20.htm

CDC BT programs:

http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp

Nursing Education

Ft. Hays Nursing: http://www.fhsu.edu/nursing

KU Nursing: KU has an on-line RN to BSN completion program:

http://www2.kumc.edu/son/vclassroom/rn_to_bsn.

Wichita State University: on-line RN to BSN: http://webs.wichita.edu/?u=chp nurs&p=/rntobsnhomepage/

Washburn PHN Certification Programhttp://www.washburn.edu/sonu or e-mail Dr. Janice Dunwell at: zzdnwl@washburn.edu

ANA's Web site: http://www.RNCE.org

Other Continuing Education Online

The WALD CENTER: http://www.waldcenter.org

The Public Health Training Network: http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/phtn/default.asp

KDHE/KALHD Training Calendars:

http://phtc.calendarhost.com/cgibin/calweb/calweb.cgi

Training Finder: Comprehensive database of distance learning course listings

http://www.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx

The MMWR Continuing Education Program: http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr

MPH Kansas: http://mph.kumc.edu

National Library of Medicine -

http://www.nlm.nih.gov

CDC BT Training -

b.htm.

http://www.bt.cdc.gov/training/index.asp

The Illinois Public Health Preparedness Cen-

ter: http://www.uic.edu/sph/prepare

Heartland Center for Public Health Preparedness:

http://www.slu.edu/centers/heartland/programs_pu

Centers for Public Health Preparedness:

http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/CPHPLocations.as p

Public Health Training Centers:

http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/publichealth/phtc.htm

Other Public Health Workforce Development Centers:

http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/owpp/resources.asp

Public Health Workforce Competencies

Bioterrorism and Emergency Readiness Competencies for all Public Health Workers:

http://www.nursing.hs.columbia.edu/institute-centers/chphsr/btcomps.html

Competencies Feedback Project by the Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice.

http://www.trainingfinder.org/competencies/index.htm

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